

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee
Webster Town Hall

November 1, 2012

Attendance: Barbara Corliss (W), Sally Embley (W), Dave Klumb (W)-Voting Alternate
Rich Houston (H)

Absent: Karen Irwin, Chair (H), Richard Kennedy (H), Ellen Kontinos-Cilley (W)
Mike Greenwood, Alt. (W), Terry Target, Alt. (W)

Public: Frank Davis

Rich Houston filled in as Chair and brought the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. Barbara and Sally weren't sure if all of Webster's Members received the agenda or if everyone was informed of the correct meeting location. The agenda was sent out twice with different information, late on the afternoon of the meeting, and caused some confusion. A discussion of October's Minutes ensued. Barbara made a motion to reject the October Minutes because of uncorrectable inaccuracies and a lack of timeliness. The motion was not seconded because there was a consensus that rejection was too strong a resolution. Sally made a motion to postpone any action on the Minutes until the December Meeting because of a concern over accuracy and timeliness, Dave seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0).

The Joint Selectmen Meeting (from agenda) on October 22nd when the Department made the budget presentations to the Hopkinton Board of Selectmen was discussed. Bruce Johnson (Webster Selectman) and Ellen attended the meeting. Steve informed the committee that the presentation went well but there wasn't as much general information reviewed as there was at the October Landfill Committee Meeting. The Hopkinton Board also wanted to know if there was a recommendation on the budget from the Landfill Committee and if not they asked how any proposed changes by the Hopkinton Board should be directed. This issue was left unresolved on the 22nd.

Committee Members discussed the budgets and asked Steve if he still thought that they were adequate and he responded yes. Dave made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed 2013 Transfer Station Budget of \$541,542 and the proposed 2013 Solid Waste Budget of \$49,088 to the Joint Boards of Selectmen on the grounds that they are appropriate to the needs of the Department and taxpayers, Barbara seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous (4-0).

Steve did not bring October's off hours report but will have it for the December Meeting. The permit modification has not been finalized for submission. Steve will try to keep that process moving as quickly as possible.

Barbara has completed the potential ordinance changes that the Committee has discussed proposing if the permit modification is approved. Those changes would address the issues of letting non-residents use the facility and would establish a schedule of rates specifically for non-residents. These proposed changes will remain in draft form until the permit modification process is complete but will be available

to expedite action by the Committee when appropriate. There was a brief discussion on how allowing non-residents to use the facilities would affect the budget and operations. Steve didn't have an estimate of what kind of response could be expected but he did feel that it wouldn't have an immediate impact on the budget and that there is enough flexibility and operational options to address any issues as they become apparent.

Rich had a question under "other items." He wanted to know how long it took to identify the off hours facility perpetrator from September, who it was, and if he had been apprehended. Steve informed the Committee who the person was, that he was identified within about 24 hours, that a warrant has been issued, and that he was incarcerated in another state the last that he knew. If he comes back to this area he will be picked up by the police. Steve mentioned one other recent incursion that was caught on camera but that there was no theft or damage in this incident. A probable identification was made and the parents were informed. There have been no further intrusions.

Sally asked if there was information available on the participation and results from the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Henniker. Steve said that the number of participants and the collated information from the surveys is usually provided at some point. He will bring that information in for a discussion if the Committee puts it on the Agenda.

Rich asked Frank if he had any public Comments. Frank stated that he had recently brought a TV and some furniture to the transfer station and that it was handled the way that it was supposed to be. He incurred no charges. Barbara commented that she has gotten a lot of positive feedback on how the employees at the facilities did their jobs and dealt with residents.

Dave made a motion to adjourn, Barbara seconded it, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 7:25.